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Applicant(s):	Rong Xiang et al.)	RECEIVED
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Application No.	10/090,238)	OCT 27 2003
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Filed:	March 2, 2002)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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For:	DNA VACCINES ENCODING CEA)	OFFICIAL
	AND A CD40 LIGAND AND)	
	METHODS OF USE THEREOF)	
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Examiner:	Bao Qun Li)	Attorney Docket No. <u>TSRI 830.0</u>

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 25 September 2003, applicants hereby elect for prosecution at this time the claims of Group II, i.e., claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 10-13, 16-18 and 20 drawn to a DNA vaccine encoding an ECA antigen and a CD40 ligand and a method of using the same, the vaccine being made by using two plasmids operably incorporated into an attenuated bacterial delivery vector. This election is made without traverse.

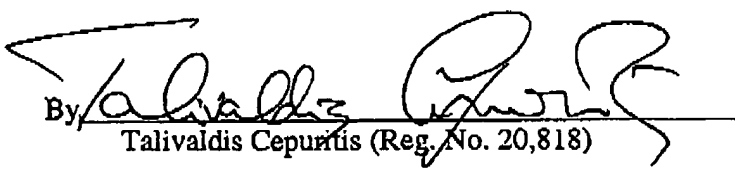
As to the further requirement of an election of species, applicants elect the species of bacterial vector *Salmonella typhimurium*. Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 9-13, 16-18 and 20 are readable thereon.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

October 27, 2003

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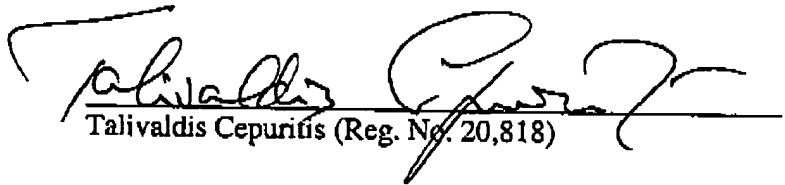

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